

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE OF LINDA BROWN COCHRAN

HON. BONNIE WATSON COLEMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2018

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Linda Brown Cochran, who passed away on September 29, 2018, following a lengthy battle with cancer.

Linda was the daughter of Ernest and Betty Brown and grew up in Massillon, Ohio. She graduated Washington High School in 1978, and later attended Franklin University.

She was the President of Cochran & Assoc. Sales and Marketing Company. She worked hard to develop new businesses and provided support to her team. Additionally, she was a true advocate who championed many causes close to her heart. Among those include the Jack and Jill of America Inc., Junior League, Cuyahoga Democratic Women's Caucus and Court Appointed Special Advocates of Lorain County.

Linda fostered a loving family with her husband of 35 years, Harold L. Cochran, in Avon Lake, Ohio. She raised two wonderful daughters, Courtney and Taylor. Along with them, she leaves behind her three sisters, Saundra, Marsha, and Vicki, and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

It has been a joy to work with Courtney, who currently serves as my Communications Director & Senior Advisor in my Washington Office. Linda's love, intelligence, and grace shines through her daughter every day. While this is certainly a sad occasion, it is clear that Linda's spirit carries on through the excellence of her children, and the positive impact on her loved ones and community.

Mr. Speaker, I send my condolences to the family and friends of Linda. I ask that my colleagues join me in commemorating her wonderful life and legacy.

Rest in peace, Linda.

HONORING DENNIS ZOTIGH FOR RECEIVING THE GLOBAL CITIZEN AWARD

HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2018

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a fellow Oklahoman and Native American, Dennis Zotigh, for receiving the Global Citizen Award from the Happy World Foundation.

A Kiowa, San Juan Pueblo, and Santee Dakota Indian, Dennis started learning Native American traditions, songs, and dances from an early age. After receiving a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Oklahoma, he has devoted his life to promoting Native American culture and history throughout the United

States and across the world. He has done extensive work with the Oklahoma Historical Society and the Smithsonian Institution, and he has also represented Native Americans at institutions such as the British Museum in London. He has helped directed performances of Native American dances and songs for audiences ranging from viewers of Monday Night Football to the President of the United States.

As a proud Oklahoman and member of the Chickasaw Nation, I have always been passionate about advocating on behalf of Native Americans here in Washington, D.C. Therefore, I am very grateful that there are Oklahomans like Dennis Zotigh who have committed themselves to promoting Native American heritage. He has rightfully earned recognition for his role as a cultural ambassador for Native Americans, and I hope that he continues his great work in the years to come.

I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Dennis Zotigh and his lifelong work to promote and preserve Native American culture.

LEW GAITER

HON. JARED POLIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2018

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to honor the memory of Lew Gaiter III and offer my most sincere condolences to his family and to all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Lew served the people of Larimer County as County Commissioner for nearly a decade, during which he brought innovative ideas that delivered lasting change. While Lew achieved many things as commissioner, two of his most notable accomplishments were his work in advancing rural broadband development, and his help in establishing the Larimer County Office of Emergency Management.

In addition to his work as commissioner, Lew added tremendous value to his community through his volunteer work. Lew was a member of the Loveland Volunteer Ski Patrol for 25 years and dedicated his time to local churches and charitable organizations.

I am truly grateful to have been able to call Lew a friend and to have observed the dedication and enthusiasm he served his community with. Lew was a remarkable individual with a terrific work ethic and a servant's heart. His passing will be felt throughout his community and beyond.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ADELAIDE MARGARET CONNAUGHTON

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2018

Ms. MENG. Mr. Speaker, Adelaide Margaret Connaughton, of Forest Hills, New York

passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, May 12th, 2018. Adelaide was born in Brooklyn, New York on September 24, 1958 to Veronica (Ronnie) and Kenneth Connaughton. Adelaide Connaughton was a long-time community activist who participated in New York City politics and civic activities since she was 15 years old.

In high school, Adelaide worked as an intern for then Assistant Queens District Attorney, Geraldine Ferraro, and went on to work for several elected officials, including the first Lesbian Latina member of the New York City Council, Margarita López.

Prior to joining the staff of Council Member López, Adelaide served as a Lieutenant for the New York City Emergency Medical Service of the Fire Department of New York and retired after 20 years of service. She also briefly sold real-estate, and achieved "million dollar" agent status at a local real estate firm.

Her last position before she passed away in May 2018 was as a Senior Entitlement Specialist for the Fortune Society, a non-profit organization with a 50-year track record of providing those in the criminal-justice system with the supportive, wrap-around services needed to thrive as positive, contributing members of society. At Fortune, Adelaide provided assistance to formerly incarcerated men and women, and supported them as they re-entered society. In her spare time, Adelaide loved to be with family and friends and held many volunteer political and civic positions in New York City.

Adelaide has always demonstrated a passion for helping the most vulnerable among us, particularly homeless LGBT youth. At Safe Space, a non-profit organization dedicated to families and youth, Adelaide worked in the LGBT Division where she helped link homeless LGBT youth to supportive care.

Using political action to fight for progressive causes important to the LGBT community and all New Yorkers, Adelaide has served on the Board of Governors of the Stonewall Democratic Club of NYC and the Executive Board of AIDS Center of Queens County (ACQC). Adelaide was also a founding Vice-President of the Jim Owles Liberal Democratic Club.

From 2012 to 2018, Adelaide and her West Highland Terrier, Elvis, participated in a therapy dog program sponsored through the Auxiliary of NYC Health + Hospitals/Jacobi. Adelaide and Elvis visited patients once a week at Jacobi to help with their healing process. In addition, they visited patients in the psychiatry department once a month at NYC Health + Hospitals/North Central Bronx. For all of this effort, Elvis and Adelaide were the first dog/human team to receive an Auxiliary Award from NYC Health + Hospitals.

Adelaide lived with her life-partner, Lynn Schulman, and their dog Elvis in Forest Hills, Queens, NY.

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

CONGRATULATING THE PASCUA
YAQUI TRIBE ON ITS 40TH ANNI-
VERSARY

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2018

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Pascua Yaqui Tribe on its 40th year anniversary of being federally-recognized.

The Pascua Yaqui tribe descended from the Uto-Aztecan people, who occupied a large area of the Southwest regions and west coast of Mexico. Yaqui culture and spirituality are important elements to the tribe. The Pascua Yaqui tribe is best known for the deer dancer and Pascola, along other cultural ceremonies and Yaqui symbols such as "Our Father Sun;" the Tribe has successfully preserved its cultural relations through valued oral lore throughout the years. Today, the tribe has communities spanning across Southern Arizona surrounded by richly vegetated and scenic desert lands.

The Pascua Yaqui Tribe provides unique insight that adds diverse cultural heritage to Arizona's desert community. The tribe is well-known for its design and manufacture ceremonial paraphernalia such as artistic Baskets, reed crowns, wood mask carving, rattles, stuffed-deer heads, and notable arts unique to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe. At present, there are about one hundred hamlets and villages within the Yaqui territory, assigned for political, religious, and ritual purposes. The linguistic classification of the Tribe is a surviving language derived from the Cahita ethnicity, one that the Yaqui and Mayo people still preserve. The Yaqui were, and part still remain, settled agriculturists, depending on summer rainfall due to the desert lowlands.

Mr. Speaker, please join me and all of Arizona's Third Congressional District in expressing our sincerest congratulations to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe on their 40th anniversary as a Federally-recognized tribe. I am grateful for the Pascua Yaqui Tribe's dedication to their culture and representation of the Southwest Native American roots.

MR. RAY FITZGERALD'S REMARK-
ABLE SERVICE TO HIS COUNTRY

HON. MO BROOKS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2018

Mr. BROOKS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in order to recognize the remarkable career of a great American, Mr. Ray Fitzgerald, a distinguished member of the Senior Executive Service, upon the occasion of his retirement after 46 years of selfless service to our nation. A highly respected leader, Ray Fitzgerald has made immeasurable contributions to the warfighter and the military community as a whole.

Mr. Fitzgerald had an exemplary military career. Upon graduating from the University of Alabama in 1972, he entered the U.S. Army.

Rising to the rank of Colonel, his assignments included; Chief of Staff of the deployed 101st Airborne Division Task Force in Kosovo; Commander of the 101st Airborne Division Garrison at Fort Campbell, Ky.; Chief of Staff and Deputy Commander of the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, La.; senior brigade observer/controller at the Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC); and Commander of U.S. Forces in the Balkans (Bosnia). Mr. Fitzgerald also commanded the 1st Battalion, 50 8th Infantry (Airborne) during Operation Just Cause.

Mr. Fitzgerald was appointed to the Senior Executive Service after 30 years of Active Duty service as an Army Infantry Officer. He has led organizations at every level, culminating in his assignment as the Vice Director of the Joint Improvised-Threat Defeat Organization (JIDO).

Mr. Fitzgerald served with distinction as the Deputy Director for Interagency and Interdepartmental Cooperation at the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization (JIEDDO) and was the Department of Defense Executive Manager detailed to the FBI's Terrorist Explosive Device Analytical Center (TEDAC), Quantico, VA. There he supported TEDAC's mission to eradicate the IED threat by providing scientific and technical exploitation, actionable intelligence, timely responses to requests and forecasting worldwide threats. While assigned to JIEDDO and JIDO, Mr. Fitzgerald has deployed multiple times to both Iraq and Afghanistan. His most recent deployment to Iraq in 2016 was as the Senior Coalition Advisor for the security of Baghdad. His 2014 deployment to Afghanistan was as the Senior Coalition Advisor/Mentor to the Afghanistan National Security Advisor.

Prior to JIDO, Mr. Fitzgerald served at the Department of State, where he was the Chief of Staff for the Bureau of Resource Management. His State Department duties also included two 18 month tours in Afghanistan and Iraq, where he served as the senior State Department representative responsible for Afghanistan Police Reform and as the political advisor (POLAD) to Task Force 714.

Ray Fitzgerald is the best friend a Warfighter ever had. He is a passionate, selfless leader who has devoted his life and energies to ensuring Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines receive the best possible training, equipment, intelligence, and tactical support. While serving with JIDO, he has applied his extensive military background and knowledge to a myriad of material and non-material problem sets. His tenure spanned some of the most dangerous and critical periods in our Nation's fight against terrorism. As an aside, Mr. Fitzgerald never avoided a difficult task or assignment, tackled every complex problem, and consistently made a difference for deployed Warfighters.

Our Nation's history is grounded in the efforts of those like Ray Fitzgerald, who have served this nation with great distinction. He exemplifies what it means to commit one's life to his country and has more than earned our admiration and respect. Mr. Fitzgerald leaves a legacy of service that will most certainly serve as an inspiration to others for years to come.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in congratulating Mr. Ray Fitzgerald as he enters the next chapter of his life.

TRIBUTE TO FERNANDO MIGUEL
NEGRON RODRIGUEZ

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2018

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, I want to honor Fernando Miguel Negron Rodriguez, as a distinguished leader in Central Florida for Hispanic Heritage Month. Fernando Miguel Negron Rodriguez, was born and raised in the town of Cayey, Puerto Rico. He is the father of Fernando M. Negron Santos and Karina Isabella Negron Santos. He is the son of the legendary TV personality and radio icon, Miguel Angel Negron.

As one of the most popular radio hosts in the Hispanic community in Central Florida. To say that through his veins runs radio, it's an understatement.

For the last 20 years, he has been the host to *Quédate con Miguel Radio*, he is known to many as a great communicator but also as someone very passionate about the Hispanic community and educating voters in our region. Fernando M. Negron has become an influential and respected personality in local politics as well as national politics. Every day he uses his experience to shine light at problems that affect the Hispanic diaspora in Central and South Florida.

IN MEMORY OF VAIL JOHNSON

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2018

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the life and memory of Vail Johnson, a young girl from my district who passed away unexpectedly on August 31, 2016 from a heart condition.

Two years after her death, the North Texas community is continuing to honor her life through the work of Friends of Vail. This foundation, established by Vail's parents Susan and Chad Chance, has dedicated a new outdoor classroom at the Pilot Point intermediate school in her memory. Through the Friends of Vail foundation, her family has donated funds to other community needs both large and small.

The foundation's work is a testament to an extraordinary child. As a fourth-grade student at Pilot Point Elementary School, Vail was known for kindness and generosity. She loved horses, softball, and the color green. A bright student and writer, Vail also competed nationally as an equestrian and began playing softball.

Two years after her loss, Vail Johnson is remembered as a girl who brought love and joy to others wherever she went. She is deeply missed, and her generous spirit will not be forgotten. I extend my deepest condolences to her family, and all who knew and loved her.